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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Online Credit Payment Form in the amount of \$930.00 to cover: \$405 RCE fee; \$525 EOT fee 3 months;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- 3. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal; and
- 4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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